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*FUGITIVE EX-CIA AGENT SAYS AGENTS STILL SELL CLASSIFIED REPORTS

NEW YORK (AP) - FORMER CIA AGENT FRANK TERPIL, WHO IS WANTED IN THIS COUNTRY FOR CONSPIRING TO SELL WEAPONS TO TERRORISTS, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW SUNDAY THAT ACTIVE CIA EMPLOYEES ARE SELLING AGENCY REPORTS ON SOME COUNTRIES TO OTHER NATIONS.

INTERVIEWED ON CBS-TV'S "60 MINUTES," TERPIL SAID THE CIA EMPLOYEES WERE SENDING "CURRENT SITUATION REPORTS" ON CERTAIN COUNTRIES TO OFFICIALS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

THAT INFORMATION THEN IS PASSED ON TO A COMMERCIAL FIRM "WHO IN TURN SELLS IT AS A SERVICE," TERPIL SAID, AND THE CIA EMPLOYEE "GETS PART OF THE MONEY, SURE."

DURING THE INTERVIEW, WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST WEEK IN BEIRUT, LEBANON, CBS NEWSMAN MIKE WALLACE SAID TERPIL "HAS CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE OF PAYOFFS TO AT LEAST ONE ACTIVE-DUTY CIA OFFICIAL." WHEN ASKED IF HE WANTED TO "NAME ANY NAMES," TERPIL SAID: "NO."

TERPIL ALSO SAID U.S. MILITARY OFFICERS WHO WERE PART OF A MILITARY ASSISTANCE GROUP ADVISING THE LATE SHAH OF IRAN OCCASIONALLY GAVE HIM ADVANCE INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING IRANIAN ORDERS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH TERPIL COULD USE TO WIN COMMISSIONS FROM THE COMPANY THAT EVENTUALLY SOLD THE EQUIPMENT TO THE SHAH.

ASKED IF A HELPFUL OFFICER WOULD GET PAID FOR A TIP, TERPIL SAID: "WE WOULD PROBABLY BUY HIM A NEW UNIFORM, YES."

WALLACE SAID CBS NEWS ALSO LEARNED THAT FEDERAL OFFICIALS WERE INVESTIGATING AN OFFICIAL OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHO BORROWED ABOUT \$40,000 FROM TERPIL TO BUILD A NEW HOME, BUT GAVE NO DETAILS.

TERPIL WAS INTERVIEWED WITH GEORGE KORKOLA, OWNER OF A NEW JERSEY ELECTRONICS FIRM. BOTH WERE CONVICTED LAST JUNE IN A NEW YORK STATE COURT OF CONSPIRING TO SELL MACHINE GUNS AND AMMUNITION TO UNDERCOVER AGENTS POSING AS SOUTH AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARIES.

THEY WERE TRIED AND SENTENCED IN ABSENTIA BECAUSE THEY JUMPED \$100,000 BAIL BEFORE THE TRIAL BEGAN, AND WERE SENTENCED TO BETWEEN 17 2-3 TO 53 YEARS IN PRISON EACH.

TERPIL AND ANOTHER FORMER CIA AGENT, EDWIN WILSON, HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF HELPING MOAMMAR KHADAFY'S RADICAL LIBYAN GOVERNMENT OBTAIN EXPLOSIVES AND MANPOWER. BUT TERPIL, WHO ALSO IS UNDER FEDERAL INDICTMENT ON NINE CHARGES, REFUSED TO DISCUSS ANY DEALINGS WITH THE LIBYANS.

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